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Second Annual Summer Adventures Expo

"Not your typical camp fair"



Families had a unique opportunity in March to shop for summer activities and camps for children and young adults of all abilities at the 2nd Annual Summer Adventures Expo at Cincinnati Mills Mall.

Many local and regional organizations devoted to providing summer activities staffed informational booths and shared information with interested families.

Chief Meteorologist Steve Raleigh of WCPO Channel 9 was master of ceremonies, welcoming various community groups to the center stage to perform, including our agency's very own Melody in Motion from Fairfax School.

Cincinnati Bengal alumni signed autographs. Dozens of volunteers from sponsoring agencies, including the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD, greeted visitors and spent many months organizing the event.

Organizations that participated were providing information about a range of summer adventures, including those related to dance, music, sports, cheerleading, camping, science and education.

Planning partners for this second expo that touches the entire Greater Cincinnati region represented Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties, along with the Southwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center, and St. Joseph Orphanage.

Judy Bertsch, an instructor at Breyer School, and Lynne Calloway, Individual and Family Liaison, represented the agency on the planning committee and volunteered their time on the day of the event.

For more information about camps or resource catalogs listing participating vendors and program descriptions, families should talk to their service facilitators or call the Link Line at 587-7272.

Strike a Pose for MR/DD

a fundraiser for Community Ambassadors
Resource Alliance (CARA)



Monday, May 22, 2006
11 AM - 1PM

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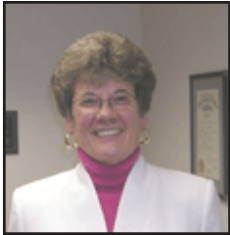
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From the Superintendent



Spring certainly doesn't mean a slowing down of activity at the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD!

At the end of May and beginning of June, we will be celebrating graduation ceremonies at agency-operated schools, in addition to milestone anniversaries at Breyer (30 years) and Rost (25 years.)

With the 25th Anniversary of Franks Adult Center celebrated in March, we have many opportunities to honor long-standing traditions.

This season also brings the opportunity to meet another of the tax levy stipulations from 2004 and purchase a facility to replace our current leased facility in Blue Ash that we call Support Center.

We hope to move to the former Hamilton Mutual Insurance Company building at 1520 Madison Road in East Walnut Hills by June 2007.

At press time, purchase of the facility by the Commissioners was close to being final. After the purchase is complete, planning for renovations will get underway.

Staff at the Northside facility on

Dane Street will also move to the Madison Road location. This will pave the way for the Northside facility to be sold, which also fulfills a stipulation of the Tax Levy Review Committee.

We are excited about this move for many reasons, but the most important one is that our administrative functions will be closer to and more accessible by many individuals we serve.

The Central service facilitation region at Northside has piloted a drop-in center known as "Club Central". That will continue and expand in the Madison Road Support Center.

Another benefit of the Madison Road facility is that we will have meeting and training space for larger groups of people, both from our agency and from our many contract partners in Hamilton County.



Cheryl

MR/DD School Graduations

Rost School

Friday, May 19, 7 PM
Prom following 8-10 PM

Fairfax School

Friday, May 19, 7 PM

Breyer School

Thursday, June 2, 7 PM

Rost School 25th Anniversary Open House Event!

**Tuesday, May 30, 2006
2-5 P.M.**

**Refreshments
will be served**

Save the date and watch for details!

Third annual update on the
Agency

Monday, May 31, 2006
Morning and evening sessions
at the Drake Center

Condolences

to the family of . . .

Dorothy Cummins

Beckman

Larry Oeters

Beckman

Disney Honors Megan Sexton



A Breyer School teacher has been chosen this year for the prestigious Disney Teacher Awards.

Megan Sexton is one of 44 teachers from around the nation to be honored by Disney. There were 76,000 teachers nominated with 10,000 finalists.

"This is a very special and selective award, and we are extremely proud of Megan for receiving it," said Bev Smith, Director, Childrens Services.

Megan will personally receive \$10,000 from Disney for this honor, and the agency's school services will receive \$5,000. Disney suggests that the money received by school services be used for professional development for teachers.

Gala events sponsored by Disney at which Megan and the other honorees will be special guests are scheduled for this summer in Los Angeles.

Dawn Rothe receives local recognition for career excellence

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society of Professional Administrators (ASPA) has chosen Dawn Rothe as the 2006 recipient of its "Early Careerist" Award. Dawn is a Service Facilitation Supervisor in the Southwest Region.

This award is presented to an individual who, though early in his or her career, has demonstrated the dedication and commitment to the ideals, ethics, and professionalism required to pursue a career in public administration and public service.

At the agency, Dawn has been instrumental in the success of the realization of Self Determination. She led her region of service facilitators in piloting the individual budget program that is part of the structure of Self Determination.



Dawn is to receive her award at a luncheon at The Phoenix in Cincinnati at the end of April.

Speaking of Women's Health



More than a hundred women with disabilities learned about health at the agency's first "I Can Take Care of Myself" education event in April.

The event, held at Cincinnati State Community College, was possible because of a

grant from the National Speaking of Women's Health organization.

"Women with disabilities walked away encouraged and better informed about how to take care of themselves," said Cindy Noeth, Nurse Educator for the agency.

Breakout sessions throughout the day focused on staying safe and being smart about health; unique health issues facing women, particularly women with disabilities; and heart health.

Superintendent Cheryl Phipps, a guest speaker, assured guests that more education events would be sponsored in the future and encouraged them to live healthy and be informed.

In addition, operations director for the National Speaking of Women's Health organization, Betsy Baugh, gave an overview of the organization and its goal to educate women about health issues. She and Cheryl Phipps also gave out door prizes to the many attendees to end the day.



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Service Facilitators help with church clean up



Members of the Southwest Service Facilitation Team helped with St. Ignatius Spring clean up in April. Parish members regularly remember individuals served by the Southwest Region during the holidays, and the team wanted to express its thanks by helping the church.

In this picture, left to right: (kneeling) Maura Daily, Diane Saunders; (standing) Melissa Haas, Dawn Rothe, Brandy Murray, Jeff Leist, Fr. Tom Bolte (pastor). Not pictured were Jack Boehnlein and Chris Murphy.

Please Join the Celebration! 30 Years of Breyer School

Friday, May 12, 2006

6-8 p.m.

Frederick A. Breyer School
2675 Civic Center Drive, 45231

